

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 KINSHA 10300 081617Z

70

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 IO-13 ARA-10 EA-09 NEA-10 DHA-02 /121 W

----- 044561

R 081535Z DEC 76

FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 874

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

UNCLAS KINSHASA 10300

DEPT PASS OAU COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OAU

SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF MOBUTU ADDRESS TO OAU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: PRES MOBUTU OPENED THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONFERENCE WITH A CALL FOR THE GRADUAL CREATION OF AN AFRICAN COMMON MARKET. TO CREAT A BASE FOR SUCH A COMMON MARKET, MOBUTU SUGGESTED THE FORMATION OF AN AFRICAN ENERGY COMMUNITY, THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE OAU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC QUESTION, AND THE CREATION OF A PLANNING INSTITUTE FOR AFRICA. HE ALSO URGED ACTION TO BREAK THE IMPASSE IN THE NORTH/SOUTH TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRES MOBUTU OPENED THE ELEVENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DEC 6 WITH AN ADDRESS CALLING FOR NEW INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF AN AFRICAN COMMON MARKET. AFTER OUTLINING AFRICA'S GREAT ECONOMIC DIVERSITY, MOBUTU NOTED THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES FACED THE SAME PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF COUNTLESS RESOLUTIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO BACK UP THOSE RESOLUTIONS WITH ACTION.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 KINSHA 10300 081617Z

3. DRAWING ON THE EXAMPLE OF THE EEC, MOBUTU NOTED THAT THE TREATY OF ROME HAD ESTABLISHED A STAGED TRANSITION TO A COMMON MARKET AND HAD BUILT ON SUCH ANTECEDENT ORGANIZATIONS AS THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. MOBUTU SUGGESTED THAT AFRICA BEGIN BY CREATING AN AFRICAN ENERGY COMMUNITY. HE SAID THAT ZAIRE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PUT AT THE DISPOSITION OF AFRICA THE POWER BEING DEVELOPED AT INGA, NOTING THAT IF THE 1800 KILOMETER INGA-SHABA LINE HAD STRETCHED WEST INSTEAD OF SOUTH, IT WOULD REACH LAGOS. AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINE TO WEST AFRICA WOULD PROVIDE CHEAPER ENERGY THAN THAT NOW BEING DEVELOPED IN NIGERIA WHILE SUPPLYING CONGO, GABON AND CAMEROON.

4. MOBUTU ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESENT CONFERENCE OF ECONOMIC MINISTERS BE INSTITUTIONALIZED AND THAT IT BE SUPPORTED BY A PLANNING INSTITUTE FOR AFRICA. THE PLANNING INSTITUTE WOULD PROVIDE STAFF WORK FOR AFRICAN RECOMMENDATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, STUDIES AND CONCLUSIONS FOR MEETINGS OF AFRICAN STATES, OF THE NON-ALIGNED, OF THE SEVENTY SEVEN, OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OF THE ACP STATES, AND FOR THE NORTH, SOUTH DIALOGUE. MOBUTU SUGGESTED THAN AN AFRICAN DATA BANK BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLANNING INSTITUTE.

5. TURNING TO THE NORTH/SOUTH CONFERENCE, MOBUTU SAID THAT THE TALKS HAD STALLED IN STERILE RHETORIC AND SUGGESTED THAT THE LACK OF PROGRESS WAS CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRY GOVTS WERE LOOKING TOWARD ELECTIONS AND WERE NOT ABLE TO TAKE UNPOPULAR DECISIONS. MOBUTU CONGRATULATED FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD'S SPONSORSHIP OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE AND HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CONVENE AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT WITHIN SIX MONTHS TO SORT OUT THE IMPASSE. HE URGED THAT THE CONFERENCE SUGGEST THAT THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE NORTH/SOUTH TALKS MEET AS WELL AND ADDED THAT, IF THE CONFERENCE SO DESIRED, HE WAS READY TO MAKE IMMEDIATE DEMARCHES IN ORDER THAT SUCH A MEETING OCCUR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CUTLER

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED OAU COLLECTIVE.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SPEECHES, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976KINSHA10300
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760454-0464
From: KINSHASA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761263/aaaacbzu.tel
Line Count: 97
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: wolfsd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 JUN 2004 by hattaycs>; APPROVED <04 AUG 2004 by wolfsd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HIGHLIGHTS OF MOBUTU ADDRESS TO OAU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
TAGS: PFOR, OAU, (MOBUTU SESE SEKO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006